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Applicant : Ronald A. Weimer
Serial No. : 09/935,255
Filing Date : August 22, 2001
For : Method of Composite Gate Formation
Group Art Unit: 2813
Examiner : CHEN, Jack S. J.
Confirmation No.: 1208

CERTIFICATION OF SUBMISSION

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Date: March 15, 2006 John R. Palmatier

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COMMUNICATION re: Information Disclosure Statement

Sir:

This communication is in reference to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005, in the above-identified application.

The Examiner returned an initialed copy of the Form 1449 submitted by Applicant on July 8, 2004. The Examiner had crossed off the following reference:

Wolf, Silicon Processing for the VLSI Era, Vol. 2-Process Integration, Lattice Press: Sunset Beach CA, 1990, pp. 332-335

The Examiner indicated that a copy of the reference needed to be provided. As requested, enclosed herewith is a copy of the Wolf reference.

No fee is due for consideration of this reference. The reference was originally listed on a Form 1449 submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed by Applicant on July 8, 2004 (copy enclosed). As stated in the IDS, a copy of the reference was not provided because it is available in a related divisional application USSN 10/236,841.

Applicant requests that this reference be made of record in the present application, and that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form 1449 to Applicant, indicating that this reference has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

Form PTO/1449

Copy of IDS and Form 1449 filed by Applicant on July 8, 2004

Copy of initialed Form 1449 (Wolf reference crossed out)

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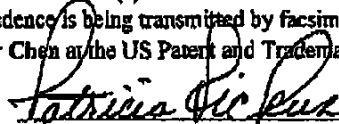
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COPY**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a) and 1.10**

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, Applicant submits the information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration in the above-identified application. No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

The references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 were cited by the Examiner in a divisional application USSN 10/236,841. Accordingly, copies of these documents are not provided because these documents are available in the divisional file. However, if these copies are not available to the Examiner, Applicant will provide a copy upon request.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing of a first action on the merits and before the mailing of a final action under §1.113 (37 CFR §1.97(e). Accordingly, please charge the required fee as set forth in §1.17(p) to Account No. 23-2053 for the consideration of these references.

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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Return of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 in the next communication to Applicant, showing the citations as initialed and considered, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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